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Showing a lot of skin in online work of art

Graduate student working on thesis says her photos challenge 'idea of self-portrait' She posts images on Facebook and asks for feedback

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Gersbach showed off some of her contributed materials at Moore College last week.

Sarah Gersbach wants you to mail her underwear. And then tell her what she looks like wearing them.

No, she's neither fetishist nor vendor of illicit services. She's a 29-year-old graduate student at the Moore College of Art and Design working on a performance art thesis about the search for the authentic self.

"The images I'm creating challenge the idea of the self-portrait because even though I'm portraying myself as an individual, my underwear is chosen by someone else," she said. "It's part of my larger work about the ability — or non-ability — for people to self-define their personality."

Gersbach began accepting submissions — new with tags, to a PO Box — three months ago, soliciting them through a Facebook page titled "Choose My Underwear" and daily posting pictures of herself wearing the gratis garments and nothing else.

"Originally, I thought of going to local places and asking strangers to buy me underwear, but I thought it would be awkward and put people off," she said. "Facebook works well because I'm able to have a lot more control over how I set it up."

And it is exactly this indirect form of communication, in which judgments are based on 140-character proclamations and Photoshopped pictures, whose impact on identity Gersbach aims to explore.

"More so than ever before, people are able to live out their own constructions of themselves. They're able to put out this image and it's able to be tweaked and made up any way that you really want to," she said. "It's pulling us away, I think, from being able to really get down to our own self-definition because what we're really focusing on more and more is just the image."

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Her motives fully exposed

She isn't worried about half-naked pictures of herself floating around on the Internet. "It really has to do with how I am taking my image and making it a reflection of another person's perspective. A body is a body. There are myriad images of women in this day in compromising positions on the Internet out there already."

She isn't selling sex. "The way I see it is very non-sexual, almost like a science project, and that's the way I want to keep it. It's very sterile. I'm not elaborating on any kind of fantasy except for displaying underwear on myself."

People seem to really like panties. "There's so many different variations of what you wear under your clothes ... negligees, stockings, that kind of thing. There's long underwear. Nobody has sent me a bra, which is also underwear. What I'm getting a lot of is just panties, which is interesting to me."

In the news

Body found, had been shot several times

Police yesterday found a decomposed body around 9 a.m. in an apartment on the 200 block of South 13th Street near Locust Street after neighbors complained of a horrible odor throughout the building. Investigators said the man, whose identity has not yet been released, was shot multiple times. METRO

In the news

Pooper caught

The Philadelphia Parking Authority is investigating a cab driver who was caught on video defecating in the street. A private surveillance camera posted on YouTube shows a Freedom Taxi driver bending down to relieve himself in the 1800 block of Bainbridge Street, then driving away. The PPA said the cabbie has been identified and he could face sanctions without elaborating. METRO/SDL

News in brief

Spirit Air coming to PHL Airport

PHILADELPHIA. Spirit Airline announced yesterday that it will launch daily nonstop service between Philadelphia International Airport and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport beginning April 2013.

The Florida-based carrier becomes the third new airline to join the airport this year. Virgin America and Alaska Airlines joined the airport's network of carriers in April and June, respectively. Spirit operates more than 200 daily flights to over 50 destinations in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. METRO

Off-duty city cop run over, killed on bike

EAST MOUNT AIRY. Police yesterday arrested the current boyfriend of an off-duty officer's ex-girlfriend for allegedly using his car to strike and kill the eight-year veteran head-on while he was riding his bicycle in East Mount Airy.

Officer Marc Brady, 32, died from severe head injuries suffered at Musgrave Street and East Meehan Avenue late Sunday, police said.

Authorities charged Kareem Alleyne, 35, of East Price Street. METRO/AW

For 15th time in 17 days, heat will reach 90 degrees in Philadelphia

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Opal Weaver, 22, sold water at Love Park yesterday.

The July heat wave will continue today, as temperatures are expected to surpass 90 degrees for the 15th time in 17 days.

An excessive heat warning for Pennsylvania is in effect until 6 a.m. Thursday and meteorologists say temps could approach triple digits on Wednesday. Monday marked the 23rd day this year of 90 degrees or higher, while the average for an entire summer is 24 days, according to the National Weather Service.

"We've been above normal pretty much the whole year," explained NWS meteorologist Patrick O'Hara. "No one cause is the reason why. It may end up that it gets cooler in August and even out."

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency last week declared the six months of 2012 as the hottest first six months of any year in recorded history for the average temperature of the United States.

Nine heat-related deaths have been reported thus far in the region. The Philadelphia Corporation for the Aging will have its heatline open at 215-765-9040. SOLOMON D. LEACH

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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI

THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

END FOOTBALL AT PENN STATE

Now that the full scope of Penn State's corruption is clear, it's time for some bold action. Joe Paterno was a fraud. His bosses were spineless bureaucrats. The culture at Happy Valley was sick. So what happens next?

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The Louis Freeh investigation that uncovered the ugly truth about Penn State was more than just a historic look back at 14 years of depravity; it was a powerful demand for immediate and dynamic change. We don't need to hear another hollow word from Penn State about its promising future or new direction. After 14 years of lies, who's still listening? Instead, here's what should be done – now:

Tear down that statue. Joe Paterno is still a hero now only to the dumbest of the dumb. He enabled children to be raped. He placed his reputation and that of his football program above the well-being of innocent kids. Paterno's image was not tarnished by the Freeh study, as so many have news outlets have reported. It was obliterated. The notion that a statue still stands on the campus of Penn State honoring this disgraceful man is tangible proof that the university has not yet grasped the gravity of his transgressions. Joe Paterno never again will represent anything positive about college athletics; in fact, his entire 46-year reign must be seen now as a charade. There is no counter-argument to allowing the sexual assault of children.

Impeach Tom Corbett. That's right, the governor finds himself right in the middle of this quagmire, having failed as attorney general to find enough evidence to get Sandusky off the streets in 2009. What Freeh discovered in six months without subpoena power, Corbett could not uncover in two years. And

now we may know why. On my radio show last week, former Gov. Ed Rendell said Corbett assigned one investigator to the Sandusky case while dozens were working on legislative corruption. Did Corbett look the other way because he had received $200,000 in political contributions from officials of Sandusky's Second Mile charity? The legislature needs to answer that question – during impeachment hearings.

Death to football at PSU. Despite the outrage generated by the Freeh report, there have been few cries for the NCAA to hand Penn State the ultimate punishment, the death penalty. Well, here's one loud demand for exactly that, especially since the oppressive power of the football program was the primary cause of the cover-up. In the past, the NCAA has issued the death penalty for point-shaving, academic fraud and recruiting violations. If the NCAA does not consider enabling the rape of children to be as serious as those issues, then the NCAA itself needs to be disbanded.

All of us should have learned a great deal from this hideous episode. Now it's time to act upon that epiphany with the kind of courageous action that has been lacking for 14 shameful years.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 to 10 a.m.*

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▶ Beaver Stadium's statue.

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▶ Will this scene get the death penalty at the hands of the NCAA?

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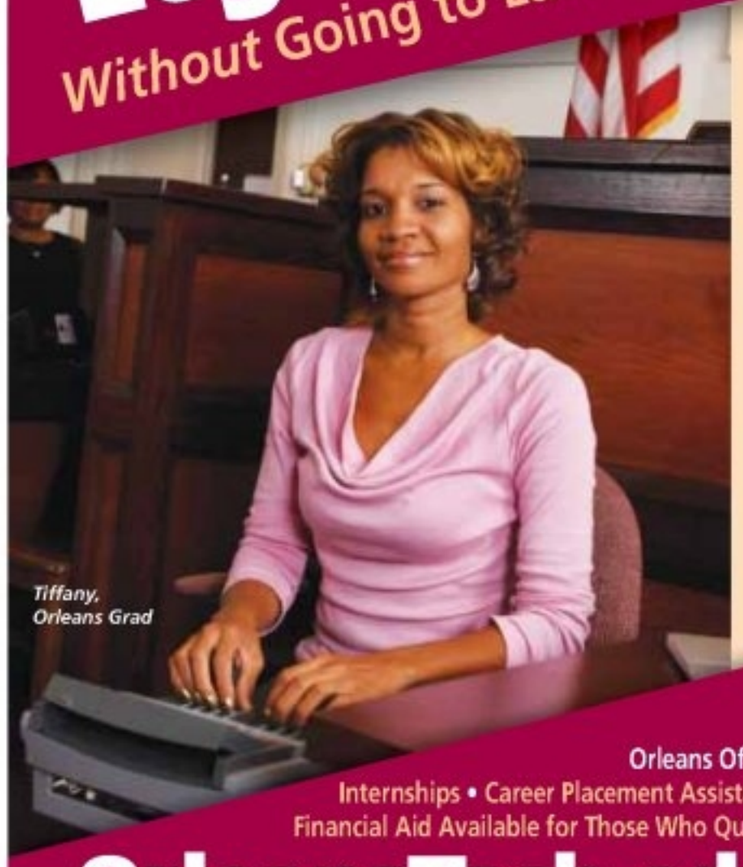

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News in brief

US navy kills one in incident off Dubai

DUBAI. A U.S. Navy vessel fired on an approaching fishing boat off the United Arab Emirates yesterday, killing an Indian national and seriously injuring three others, the UAE's state news agency (WAM) said.

"The firing has led to the death of one Indian national and serious injury of three Indian nationals," Tarek al-Hedan, an aide to the foreign minister for political affairs told WAM.

A U.S. defense official told Reuters the boat was believed to have sped away after being fired upon by the crew aboard the USNS Rappahannock, according to an initial report.

REUTERS

Romney coffers nowhere near full, donor study shows

WASHINGTON. Of the big donors helping propel the fundraising of U.S. Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, fewer than 1 percent have hit the limit they can donate to his election bid, suggesting cash is likely to keep pouring into his coffers.

Only 40 donors have given $75,800 — the maximum individuals are allowed to give before the Nov. 6 election — to the joint Victory fund that Romney shares with the Republican National Committees, according to a Reuters analysis of the fund's first campaign finance filing.

REUTERS

US treasury staffer solicited hookers

WASHINGTON. A U.S. Treasury Department employee violated conflict of interest rules by using government resources to solicit prostitutes and another by accepting gifts from supervised banks, reports from Treasury's internal watchdog said.

One investigative report found that a Treasury staffer with the now defunct Office of Thrift Supervision used his government e-mail to arrange sexual encounters with women advertised on Craigslist, viewed websites offering erotic services and met with prostitutes on three separate occasions according to the report.

REUTERS

Paterno family starts own Penn State probe

PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Sue Paterno, widow of Joe Paterno, is acknowledged during a public memorial for her husband on Jan. 26, 2012.

The family of Joe Paterno, angered by a report critical of the late Penn State head coach, said yesterday it will conduct its own probe of the child sex abuse scandal surrounding Paterno's assistant that has stained the football legend's legacy.

Family members said they "are dismayed by, and vehemently disagree with" findings in the report by former FBI Director Louis Freeh that accused Paterno and other Pennsylvania State University officials of failing to take steps for 14 years to protect the children victimized by assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

Freeh, in the report commissioned by the Penn State board of trustees, blamed them for conducting a cover-up to avoid consequences of bad publicity that could upset donors and damage the Penn State brand.

The Paterno family said it has asked its attorneys and experts to conduct a comprehensive review of Freeh's report and comments, and "we have also asked them to go beyond the report and identify additional information that should be analyzed."

They said they asked Freeh to preserve all his records, notes and other materials "as we expect they will be the subject of great interest in the future."

"To those who are convinced that the Freeh report is the last word on this matter, that is absolutely not the case," the family said. "It is highly likely that additional critical information will emerge." REUTERS

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▶ Shaefer

▶ Tonight's program, Summertime Science, will include experiments involving sunscreen, the electrolytes in sports drinks and how to quick-freeze a bottle of soda.

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▶ Schaefer used to do bar tricks, but now he has a whole brewery in which to practice his scientific craft.

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◐ Professor melds his love of chemistry with cocktail hour ◐ Join in the fun with hands-on demonstrations

Some chemists perform all their experiments in a lab — Fred Schaefer enjoys taking a few favorites to a Mount Airy restaurant once a month.

Schaefer, an associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of the Sciences, got started in his new avocation as a popular science advocate fooling around with his friends.

"I would do bar tricks," he recalls, "and people enjoyed not only learning how the tricks are done, but also talking about the science behind them."

As his informal demonstrations became more popular, the owners of Earth Bread + Brewery offered him a table upstairs.

He gave his first tabletop science evening as part of the first Philadelphia Science Festival in April 2011. It went so well that it has become a monthly event.

Schaefer presents a series of quick activities to an audience that ebbs and flows throughout the evening. "People are coming and going, so no segment lasts more than 10 minutes," he says. There's always an overall theme to the evening, but each activity is self-contained. Many are hands-on demonstrations that participants can experience for themselves.

"Even though there's often something bubbling or changing colors, we never do anything dangerous," he laughs.

"The evening is very open-ended," he says. "It's a conversation, a dialogue — a way to get people talking about science."

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Best Buy, RadioShack to target returning students

U.S. electronics chains Best Buy and RadioShack have spent years trying to court students of all ages in the second-biggest selling season of the year, but this semester they are skipping high school and going straight to college.

The two retailers are focusing this back-to-school year mostly on older students heading to college who are more likely to spend money on pricey items such as laptops and tablets.

"We found out that really for us, it is the student that is just finishing high school and about to go into college that really, really matters," Drew Panayiotou, Best Buy's senior vice president of U.S. marketing, told Reuters. "We actually decided that we are not going to think about back-to-school, we are going to think about back-to-college."

$46B The National Retail Federation estimated that students spent $46 billion on back-to-school items last year.

This shift comes a year after Best Buy and other retailers reported weak sales of technology products during the back-to-school shopping season, which is second only to the Christmas holiday season in importance for electronics retailers.

The new strategy means more marketing will be focused around college campuses as students gear up for the August and September start of classes. Best Buy will launch a Facebook application that will allow students to create a dorm wish list. **REUTERS**

DIGITAL VISION

▶ The back-to-school business is booming among college students.

Education in brief

'Nova receivers Coke scholarships

Villanova University will be receiving $500,000 from the Coca-Cola Foundation to fund scholarships for students who are the first in their immediate families to go to college.

Starting this fall, five students per year for each of the next four years will be eligible to receive $6,250 per year. The award is renewable for four years as long as the student maintains academic eligibility.

Recipients are also eligible for state, federal and university financial aid. Villanova has budgeted more than $80 million for undergraduate student financial aid for the 2012-2013 academic year. **METRO/JW**

Drexel nominates two for Geek Award

Two Drexel professors have been nominated for Scientist of the Year at the 2012 Philadelphia Geek Awards, to be given at a black-tie event on Aug. 17.

The awards, given by Geekadelphia and the Academy of Natural Sciences, recognize local artists, game developers and hackers.

Dr. Youngmoo Kim founded the Music & Entertainment Technology Laboratory at Drexel, which put together the Beatles-singing HUBO robots. Dr. R. Andrew Hicks is a math professor who designed a rearview mirror with a larger field of vision. **METRO/JW**

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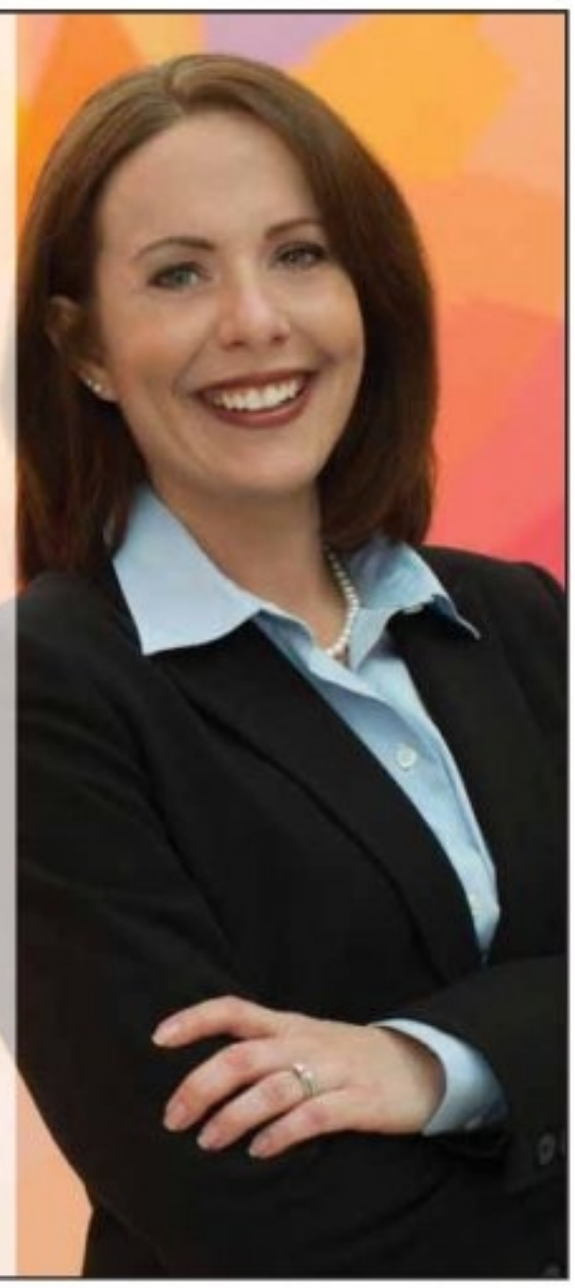

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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Talking point

Another Lohan on the way

We always forget this, but the Lohans are humans and can, as such, pull a sneak attack and reproduce. **Lindsay**'s father, **Michael Lohan**, is expecting a baby with sometimes girlfriend and occasional fiance **Kate Major**, a rep confirmed to TMZ. Conveniently, Major's restraining order against Lohan, who was arrested for suspected domestic violence, was recently lifted.

Who dumped who on 'Idol'?

When **Jennifer Lopez** and **Steven Tyler** announced they were leaving "American Idol" last week, both stars cited their busy, rewarding lives. How could they continue to judge a reality show when they had babies to take care of and devoted fans to entertain?

But there might be a much easier explanation here: money. According to TheWrap.com, Lopez was actually let go when she asked for a $2 million raise and Fox "surprised her" by declining to make a counteroffer. During an appearance on Monday's "Good Morning America," the singer hinted that it wasn't exactly a tidy break. "I love them, they love me, and it's hard when I feel like I should move on," she said of the split. "I don't know, I don't know if it's even done yet. ... I know that I'm moving on."

▶ Lopez and Tyler are leaving the judges' table.

As for Tyler — who, like Lopez, spent two seasons on the show — the network decided not to renew his contract as it looks to revamp the struggling show's format, a source tells TheWrap.

Sure it's embarrassing — but don't sweat it, guys. Most of us get fired over far less money and have never known the joy of giving **Ryan Seacrest** an exit wedgie.

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▶ Katie is skipping over the hamsters and going for gold.

Because puppies fix everything

Over the weekend, **Katie Holmes** was spotted doing what every good divorced parent does: Shopping for a puppy.

Holmes and daughter **Suri Cruise** stopped by an upscale Manhattan pet store, according to RadarOnline, and were looking at a French bulldog and a tiny designer Yorkie/Maltese mix dubbed a "Morkie."

They left without a dog, and now North Shore Animal League rescue is encouraging the family to adopt. "Unfortunately, most pet stores are provided their dogs from commercial breeding organizations otherwise known as puppy mills," spokeswoman Devera Lynn tells Radar. "We would love to show Katie the animals we have if she is ready to adopt."

Katie, you of all people must be sick of yappy little overgroomed critters. Give pound pups a chance!

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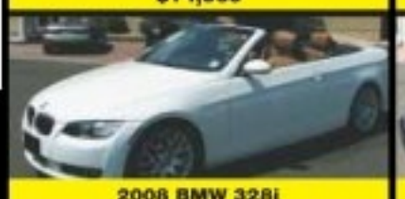
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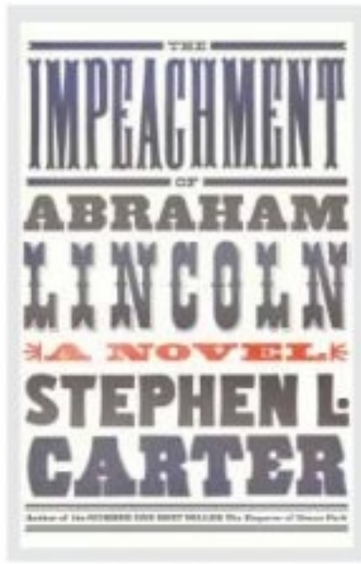

What if Lincoln lived?

Almost from the moment Abraham Lincoln was carried out of Ford's Theater, historians have debated what might have happened had the president survived his assassination. Yale professor Stephen L. Carter's new novel, "The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln," suggests that Lincoln's troubles would not have ended with John Wilkes Booth's bullet.

Even considering the complete lack of vampire hunting, Carter's story is shrouded in intrigue and bloodshed. The novel's central character is Abigail Canner, a young, college-educated American woman who works with Lincoln's legal team at the same time as she tries to solve a series of murders related to the case.

"I didn't write the book to teach, I wrote the book to entertain," Carter says. "I have a lifelong fascination with Lincoln, and as a scholar I've written a lot about the war power, presidential authority and impeachment over the years. So I constructed a thriller out of my hobby and my scholarly interests."

Carter's extensive research comes to the fore in the compelling courtroom arguments. Perhaps surprisingly, it is not pro-slavery opponents but extremists from Lincoln's own party, dissatisfied with the president's post-war policies, who seek to remove him from office.

"Lincoln was never a popular man in his party," the author explains. "He was from the West, which in those days was seen as being the next thing to a hillbilly. He had no formal education; he had a funny accent and a funny-sounding voice. The leaders of the Republican party in those days were well-educated Northeasterners who looked down their noses at him. They thought he was beneath them, and this was true even as he gained in power."

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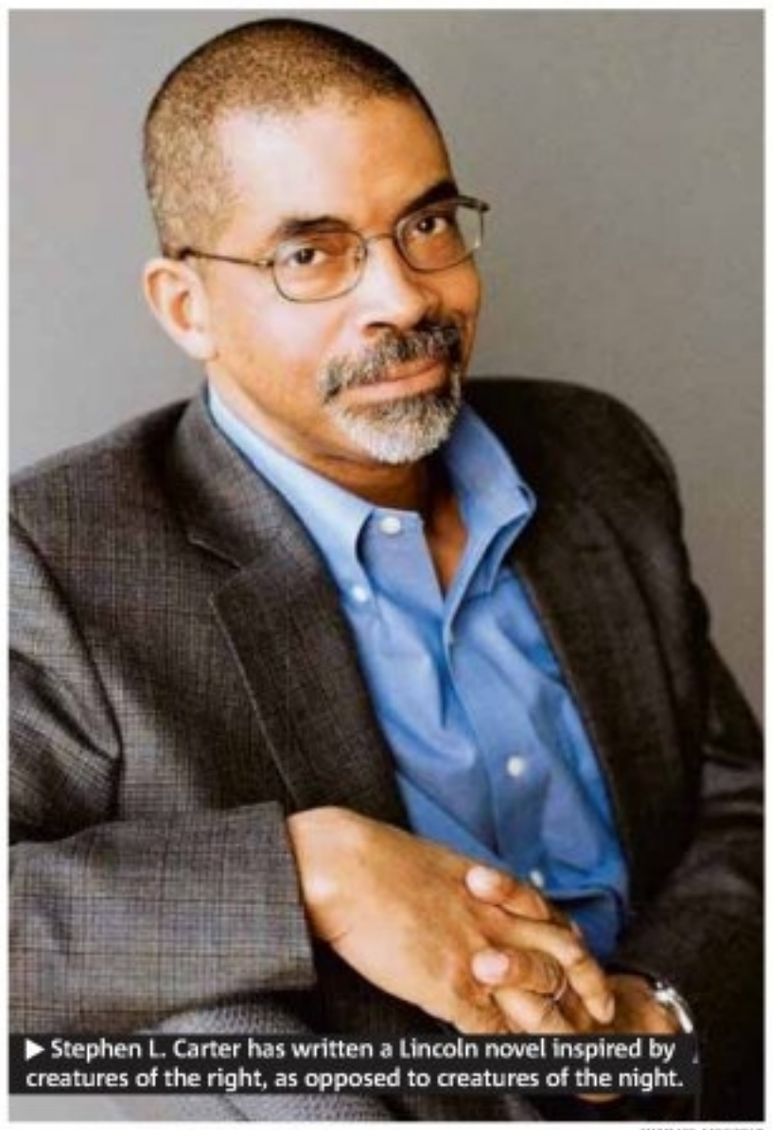

▶ Stephen L. Carter has written a Lincoln novel inspired by creatures of the right, as opposed to creatures of the night.

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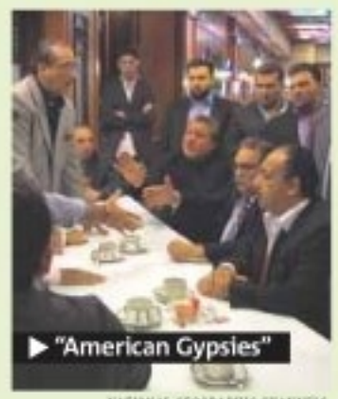
TV watch list

'MasterChef'

REALITY. Paula Deen guests during a Southern-inspired dish challenge. But whether her health-conscious Jekyll or her "butter is better" Hyde shows up will have to be seen. **9 p.m., Fox**

'American Gypsies'

REALITY. Romani culture in the States is examined via a family of Gypsies who run a psychic shop empire in New York City and struggle to balance the traditions of their culture and a modern lifestyle. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., Nat Geo** AMBER RAY



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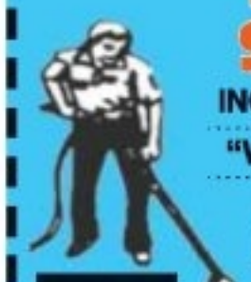

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"Children are mimics," says Pace, the founder of NutriSource Inc., which offers nutrition-based medical therapy and counseling. "Use the summer as a constructive time to set up good habits for the new school year. Try new ideas, sit down together and eat. If the child sees you enjoying it, they are more likely to eat it."

Pace suggests new sandwich recipes with more produce. "Add raw spinach and carrots to chicken salad, or sliced apples or berries to peanut butter and jelly."

Also, switch to whole-grain breads and swap mayonnaise with yogurt to reduce calories and add calcium and probiotics. Add a sweet snack in the form of homemade trail mix.

"A lot of store trail mixes have sugar-coated berries. Choose nuts, seeds and [unsweetened] dried fruit such as blueberries and cranberries. Berries are known to improve brain and motor skills."

If you're met with grumbles, don't quit, says Pace: "Kids need several exposures to accept new foods."

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- **Empty-calorie drinks:** "That means soda, those so-called juices that are just sugary fruit drinks and energy drinks — they are the worst thing to upset brain chemistry."
- **Fatty, salty chips:** "They are heavy-calorie bags of air. Many are coated with a cocktail of chemicals. Choose a plain tortilla chip rather than something like Doritos."

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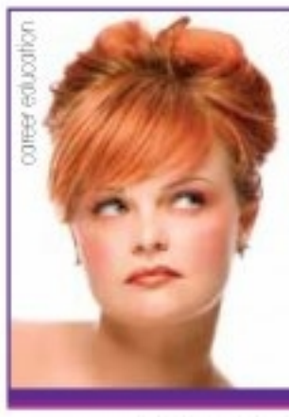

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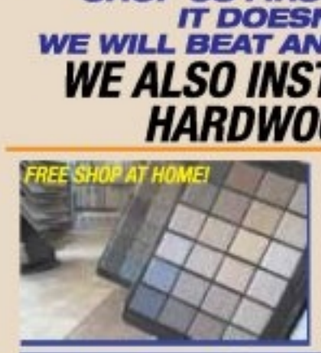

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Sandusky: Parents should have known

Questions regarding the Sandusky scandal: Why didn't any of these victims tell their parents? What was missing in their relationship? Why didn't the abused go to the police if they didn't want to discuss it with their parents?

ADELAIDE VERPONI, VIA E-MAIL

Wipe the Penn State program off the map

To use sports parlance, I have no skin in the game with respect to the Penn State scandal. I'm neither a football fan, nor an alumnus. I am, however, a father of two children — and as far as I'm concerned, that statue should be demolished (as publically as possible) and the NCAA should shut down the football program entirely. The team and the institution have been poisoned — perhaps permanently — by Sandusky, Paterno and their accomplices. They have turned Penn State into a criminal institution of the worst sort, and that can not be allowed to stand.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

'Made in China' the least of our worries

Is "Made in China" the only thing that people object to about the Ralph Lauren-designed Olympic uniforms? They look like the rejected bridesmaid outfits from the Neil Patrick Harris wedding! If they wanted something awesome, why didn't they hire Cinna from "The Hunger Games"?

GENE TOWBA, VIA E-MAIL

Booing message rather than speaker

If memory serves me correctly, President Obama was speaking to a predominately white audience early in his presidency and when a man yelled "liar," no one called him racist. If people watch the entire Romney speech, they will know that Romney was applauded several times and not booed until he announced his plan to repeal The Affordable Healthcare Act. Romney was booed by the NAACP audience because of his message, not his race.

LARRY D. FOWLER, VIA E-MAIL

Many have paid for tax cuts for the few

The Bush tax cuts have done nothing for the economy in the last 11 years. What they have done is divide the country, congress and citizenry while raising our debts to insurmountable heights. For the wealthy, it translated into more money for gambling on Wall Street. For the poor, it did nothing. The working and middle-class families saw a small increase in their take-home, but I bet anyone reading this couldn't give you an exact dollar amount. At least, I couldn't. Congress has been shut down, wars have been fought and not paid for and millions of people have lost their jobs all to keep these tax cuts in place. They were temporary for a reason. For a few Americans, this tax cut has been one hell of a ride, but like a good friend once told me, "Sometimes the ride is not worth the fall!"

RICH BRITTLE, VIA E-MAIL

Jason Kidd: With friends like these ...

I think it was very irresponsible of Jason Kidd to drink himself into a stupor and then attempt to drive himself home. Even more irresponsible were the people who helped this clearly intoxicated man out of a night club and escorted him to his car.

JONATHAN PERRY, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be careful about inviting others to drop in anytime unless you really mean it. Someone could take you up on your invitation and interrupt you at a most inappropriate moment.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Recommending to others an idea or suggestion that you've never tested could land you in a whole lot of trouble. It might look good on paper, but fail miserably in practice.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Avoid taking a gamble on something that could affect not only your resources but also those of others. Even if Lady Luck has been hanging out on your doorstep lately, she might be elsewhere today.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It might be flattering to you when a member of the opposite gender comes on to you — but if it's inappropriate in any way, it will spell big trouble if you respond in kind.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Relying on wit and charm may work up to a point, but if the going gets tough you could quickly lose steam. Make sure to have a solid foundation undergirding your flourishes.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Base your hopes and expectations on solid bedrock and not on loose, shifting sand. Your desires will be dashed if there is nothing substantial holding them in place.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Because your behavior and motives are likely to be closely scrutinized by anybody and everybody, don't do anything foolish that would be detrimental to your image.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It's an enviable quality, your innate wisdom, but you might reward someone you shouldn't while ignoring the deserving.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You might be offered a proposition that appears nifty on the surface but has hidden strings attached. Don't be reluctant to ask whatever pertinent questions you think necessary.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Do not let a close colleague make a decision about a shared concern without

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Try not to overextend yourself by taking on an assignment of another's in addition your own, no matter how much the other person needs help.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It would be best not to request a favor from someone you just met. Go to an old friend for whom you've done much in the past — he or she owes you a favor. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Across
1 "Nick of Time" singer
6 Salt, to a chemist
10 Army vehicle
14 Love
15 A woodwind
16 — -de-camp
17 Praline ingredient
18 Copper patina
20 Form a thought
22 Because of (2 wds.)
23 People in the hole
26 KGB counterpart
27 Scallions
28 Not domestic
33 Aromas
34 Sunfish
35 "Grand — Opry"
36 Presses for payment
37 Catcalls
38 Popcorn nuisance
39 "Exodus" hero
40 Satyrs
41 Chennai money
42 Submissiveness
44 Mirage site
45 North Carolina — Heels
46 Wide-angle lens
47 Loud kiss
50 Flour or sugar
52 Crunchy morsel (2 wds.)
54 Goodbye, in Paris
58 Long for
59 Intuition
60 Adjusts a piano
61 More than want
62 Parroted
63 — Downs (racetrack)

Down
1 Musical genre
2 Lime cooler
3 Winter Games org.
4 Turncoats
5 Sinews
6 Exploding stars
7 Be an accomplice
8 Earth's center
9 Conducted
10 Wild feline
11 Gael republic
12 Fix typos
13 Tijuana dollar
19 Figure of speech
21 Uh cousins
23 Trinket
24 Motorcycle race
25 Like Steve Austin
26 Form 1040 experts
28 Wry humor
29 New York nine
30 Rug, slangily
31 — Queen, of whodunits
32 Strike out
34 Prizefight
37 "Aquarius" musical
38 Kept under wraps (2 wds.)
40 Peel, as paint
41 Schedule again
43 Had poison ivy
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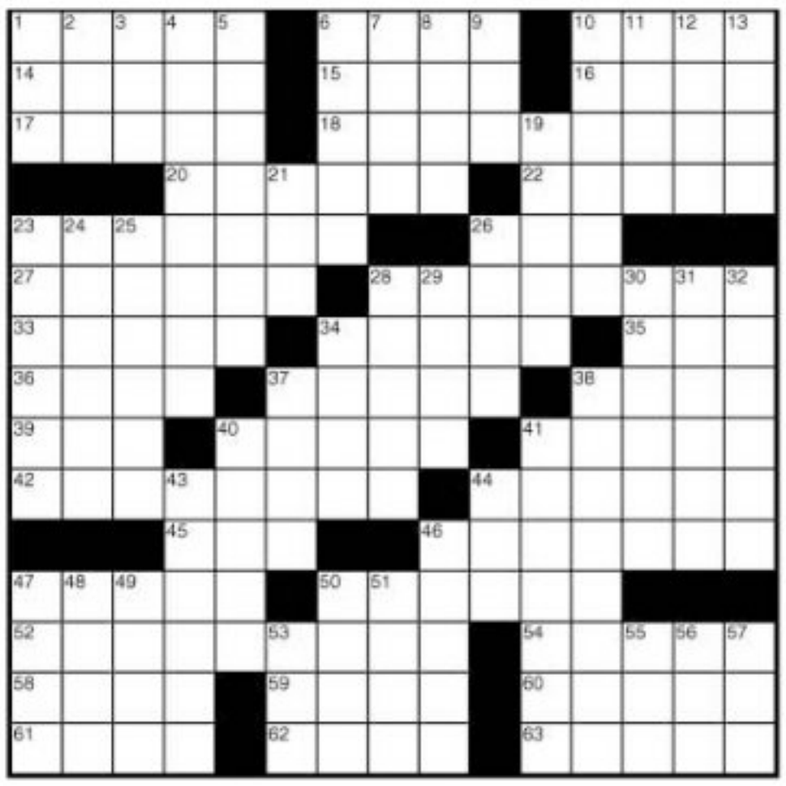

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

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Bush tucker delights

There's more to Australian food than beach barbecues Native Australian delicacies include kangaroo steaks, wattleseed, lemon myrtle and warrigal greens

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▶ The Sydney Food Festival stars the best of Aussie's eats.

Eating local takes on new meaning when you're dining in Sydney. An increasing number of chefs are offering more native Australian food on their menus.

Known as "bush tucker," these ingredients go beyond a kangaroo steak. But if 'roo steak is what you're after, try **Kingsley's** steakhouse for one of the best. The meat is prized for its gamey flavor and low fat content **(www.kingsleysauststeak.com.au)**.

Found wild in bushland, the leaves of the lemon myrtle are used to flavor everything from tea to aioli; wattleseed makes a rich, nutty addition to a dessert and lemon aspen, a tiny, piquant fruit, can be used sparingly in place of lemon. Warrigal greens can be served instead of English spinach. While these aren't found on every restaurant menu, they're showing up more frequently.

Local specialties from the sea include Sydney Rock Oysters, and the more obscure but equally delicious Angasi, or flat, oysters. For sampling oyster varieties, you can't beat the Sydney Fish Markets in Pyrmont, where they're shucked before your eyes.

If the truly authentic Aussie experience is what you're after, head out of town. Ninety minutes' drive west of Sydney on the other side of the picturesque Blue Mountains, the town of Lithgow is home to the **Secret Creek Cafe**. There you can admire the native wildlife as it wanders past the window — and of course eat, too. Perhaps Australia is the only country on Earth where you can eat the two animals featured on its coat of arms **(www.secretcreekcafe.com)**.

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EAT: The Crave Sydney International Food Festival runs across the city during the month of October. During the festival, you can enjoy night noodle markets in Hyde Park, breakfast on Bondi beach with a cast of thousands or sample some of the city's finest restaurants late at night for dessert and sweet wine. **www.cravesydney.com**

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▶ Sydney rock oysters are a local delicacy you can't afford to miss.

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Phils must sign Cole Hamels

Cole Hamels spent last week listening to the overtures of his prospective new teammates, spouting well-rehearsed lines designed to maximize his value and dealing with growing speculation that these might be his final days with the Phillies. Behind all of the rhetoric, however, is a surprisingly simple situation.

The Phillies will keep Hamels beyond this season if they match the best offer during free agency this fall. Hamels has said with absolute conviction that he will not leave Philadelphia unless the Phils decide that he's worth more to another team than to theirs. And how can he be?

Yes, the Dodgers will try to prove their new wealth and commitment to success by making a prohibitive proposal, probably seven years and close to $175 million. Hamels is worth more than that to the Phillies. He has roots, a championship, adoring fans and yes, a future here. There is no logical reason for the Phillies to allow another team to outbid them.

As someone who talks to the fans every day — and has done so on WIP for 23 years — I feel qualified to predict the fallout if Hamels signs elsewhere as a free agent. It will be unprecedented. It will be extreme, even by Philadelphia standards. It will be a death knell for a great era of baseball, and for a time of unprecedented prosperity.

If Hamels leaves as a free agent, the attendance streak will end, sales of sports apparel will experience a freefall, TV ratings will plummet and the Eagles will once again become the top sports franchise in Philadelphia, by default.

When you look at it that way, Cole Hamels will be a bargain for the Phillies at any price. ANGELO CATALDI

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▶ If Hamels goes, the Phillies will feel it — in their wallets.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi

1 Freeh steps up as real hero. We love to talk about heroes in sports. Well, if you're looking for one right now, you cannot do better than former FBI Director Louis Freeh, the first official with the courage to stand up to the rampant corruption at Penn State. Someone finally made a commitment to the truth. Wow, imagine that.

2 Liar, liar pants on fire. Sally Jenkins of the Washington Post got the last interview with Joe Paterno before he passed away last winter, and she dutifully reported everything the coach said about the Sandusky scandal. Here's how she started her story after the Freeh report: "Joe Paterno was a liar."

3 Who are you kidding, Bud? Bud Selig declared this the "golden era of baseball" last week during the All-Star break, ignoring the bad TV ratings, the steroid scandal and the lack of hustle by a majority of star players. Well, if the commissioner ever needs a speaker at his testimonial dinner, who better than ... Bud Selig himself?

ANGELO CATALDI

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Strikeouts for Cole Hamels in 18 starts this season. His career-high for a season is 211, set back in 2010. Hamels is 11-4 with a 3.07 ERA and 1.09 WHIP.

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Kwame Brown ... really?!

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▶ Brown averaged 6.3 points in nine games last season.

Let the record show that the honeymoon between the new owners of the Sixers and their fans officially ended last Friday afternoon at approximately 4 p.m. with the utterance of two fatal words: Kwame Brown.

Before the idiotic decision to waste $6 million on Brown, at least an argument could be made that the new ownership had a clue about how to run a basketball operation. After acquiring the face of failure in the NBA — a 6-foot-11, injury-prone, lazy, underachieving flop — the debate is officially over. The new guys are clueless. The new guys are doomed.

And please don't absolve coach Doug Collins from blame when evaluating this terrible off-season so far. Remember, it was Collins who coached Brown (ineffectively) in Washington after the big lug was chosen as the No. 1 pick of the 2001 NBA draft. Brown's signing here has Collins' DNA all over it.

Finally, we have a clear picture of what that blueprint was for this offseason, and it included dumping Elton Brand as an amnesty exemption, adding a host of nondescript "tweeners" who have no track record at any position and bringing back the softest player in the NBA, Spencer Hawes, to work on the front line with one of the biggest busts in NBA history.

The new owners proved in their inaugural season to be master salesmen, filling seats and generating excitement largely through the power of their own optimism. They will have a much tougher time of it next season, especially now that Kwame Brown is on the roster. ANGELO CATALDI

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CATALDI, TALKING ABOUT THE SIXERS' OWNERSHIP GROUP

Forte, Rice ink deals

Two big-time running backs got new deals yesterday.

The Bears reached an agreement with Matt Forte on a four-year, $32 million deal, according to ESPN. Forte's contract includes $18 million in guarantees.

The Ravens also signed their stud back, Ray Rice, to a five-year deal worth a reported $40 million. He'll get $17 million this year and $8 million in 2013. METRO

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